

Sixth Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

Plainville, Massachusetts



FOR THE

Year Ending January 31st, 1911

Press of the Evening Chronicle, North Attleborough, Mass.

TOWN OFFICERS 1910-1911

Town Clerk:
JAMES H. SHANNON.

Town Treasurer:
WALTER E. BARDEN.

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Assessors :

WALTER C. POND,	Left town.
JOSEPH F. BREEN,	Term expires 1911.
WILLIAM E. BLANCHARD,	Term expires 1912.
GEORGE B. GREENLEY,	Appointed to fill vacancy.

School Committee:

JOHN W. BLACKWELL,	Term expires 1913.
RUFUS KING,	Term expires 1911.
GARDNER WARREN,	Term expires 1912.

Water Commissioners:

CHARLES N. MOORE,	Term expires 1913.
JOSEPH F. BREEN,	Term expires 1911.
WILLIAM H. NASH,	Term expires 1912.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

JAMES H. SHANNON,	Term expires 1913
JOHN W. BLACKWELL,	Term expires 1911
FRED W. NORTHUP,	Term expires 1912

Tax Collector :

OLIVER P. BROWN.

Superintendent of Streets :

EDWARD C. BARNEY.

Milk Inspector :

JOHN J. EIDEN.

Fire Police :

LEWIS MARTIN, JR.,	EDWARD A. COOMBS,
JOHN E. MARTIN.	

Forest Warden :

H. EUGENE COOMBS.

Auditor :

JOHN J. EIDEN.

Constables :

DANIEL CROTTY,	E. WRIGHT SARGENT.
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Special Officers :

ALVIN L. KEYES,	CHARLES QUIRK
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Superintendent of Schools :

GEORGE M. BEMIS.

Tree Warden :

EDWARD C. BARNEY.

Fence Viewer :

CHARLES N. MOORE.

Field Drivers :

J. H. GREVEN,

N. C. GRANT.

Measurers of Wood and Lumber :

EDWARD C. BARNEY, SYLVESTER J. SMITH,
WALTER C. POND.

Registrars of Voters :

HARRY B. THOMPSON, PERCY E. FISHER,
FRANK W. GARDNER JAMES H. SHANNON.
APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Fire Engineers :

H. E. COOMBS, AUGUST COLLIER,
FRANK E. WHITING.

Inspector of Animals and Meat :

CHARLES N. MOORE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures :

J. FRED THOMPSON.
APPOINTED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

School Physician :

JAMES R. FOSTER, M. D.

Truant Officer :

E. WRIGHT SARGENT.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.:

To Daniel Crotty or any of the Constables of the Town of Plainville:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Plainville, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Plainville, on Monday, the thirteenth (13th) day of March, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To consider and act upon the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and other Town Officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers. The following are to be chosen by ballot, viz: Three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, one Assessor for three years, and one for two years, one Treasurer, one Clerk, one Trustee of Public Library for three years, one Auditor, one Collector of Taxes, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Tree Warden, three Constables, one member of the School Committee for three years, and one for two years, and also upon

the same ballot, to vote upon the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?" All officers, except as above named, are to be chosen for one year.

The polls will be open at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and may be closed at 2 p. m.

ART. 4. To see how much money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for:

- 1st. For the support of schools for the current year.
- 2nd. For school books and incidentals the current year.
- 3rd. For the employment of a Superintendent of Schools.
- 4th. For the support of the Public Library.
- 5th. For the payment of salaries of the different Town officers.
- 6th. For current and incidental expenses the current year.
- 7th. For the support of the poor and Soldiers' Relief, the current year.
- 8th. For highways and bridges the current year, and determine how it shall be expended.
- 9th. For State and Military aid the current year.
- 10th. For Memorial Day.
- 11th. For payment of interest the current year.
- 12th. For Fire Department the current year.
- 13th. For lighting the streets the current year.
- 14th. For the employment of a school physician.
- 15th. For the Water Department.
 - a. Incidentals.
 - b. Pumping water.
 - c. Extension of service.
 - d. Construction.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will grant the use of Town Hall free of charge to George H. Maintien Post 33, G. A. R., three days the current year.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will grant the use of Town Hall free of charge to the Fire Department four evenings the current year. (Petition.)

ART. 7. To see if the Town will grant the use of Town Hall free of charge to the Alumni Association one evening the current year.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water main northerly on South street from the end of the main to a point at or near the Wrentham Town line, and appropriate money therefor or do anything relating thereto, subject to a guarantee of five per cent. (Petition.)

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioners to petition the Legislature for the right to borrow a sum of money for the extension of its water mains. (Petition.)

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water mains from corner of Walnut and West Bacon streets, to corner of West Bacon street and Coddings Row, (so called), and fifteen hundred feet up Walnut street and make an appropriation therefor.

ART 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars or any other sum for the purpose of building cross walks in the center of the town.

ART. 12. To see how much money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the apprehension and prosecution of offenders against the law relating to the illegal keeping

and sale of such liquors, and instruct the Selectmen to employ efficient agents and counsel to prosecute such offenders.

ART. 13. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the collection of taxes the current year, fix the compensation of the Collector, and determine the rate of interest to be charged on taxes remaining unpaid after November 1, 1911.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to have the surety on the Collector's, or other Town officers' bonds, placed with a fidelity or guarantee company, and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for the same.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all of the means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year, beginning February 1, 1911, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the date thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to create a debt of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars or any part thereof, and determine how and when the same shall be paid.

ART. 18. To choose any committee to hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

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Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk in conformity to public statutes, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Plainville, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

RUFUS KING,
GEORGE F. CHEEVER,
NATHANIEL C. GRANT,
Selectmen of Plainville.

[Seal.]

Report of the Selectmen

We herewith submit the sixth annual report.

The year's record shows little change from that of previous years.

With ample water supply, good fire protection, available building sites, it only wants a measure of prosperity to add material growth to the town.

The lighting system, in the main, has given good satisfaction. The additional lamps were held back on account of the financial condition confronting the town. It seemed unwise to carry the tax rate above \$20, and so curtailment in every direction was necessary.

ART. 9. We have had several conferences with the Highway Commissioners in regard to South street, and the last decision was that the commission would do something for the street in the Spring. It is evident that the town cannot keep this section in repair, and only State aid will make it passable, and possibly save the town damages.

ART. 16. In considering the action of this article, we were confronted with the requirements of the State Board of Health, which supervises the building and equipment of detention cells. There seemed to be a question as to the advisability of expending too much money upon an old building and perhaps not getting required accommodations.

Action was held over pending further consideration.

The petition of the Interstate Street Railway Company for a turnout at the junction of Pleasant and South streets was granted, and a turnout has been installed.

At the earnest request of the board, the car officials granted transfers to and from the Providence line. Probably no concession of the company could have given the public greater satisfaction.

Two suits have been brought against the town by the Plainville Land Company. Believing that the town was justified in opposing this action, we have taken measures to defend the case.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS KING,

N. C. GRANT,

GEO. F. CHEEVER.

Selectmen of Plainville.

Appropriations

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1910.

Support of Schools	\$5,600 00
School Books	500 00
School Incidental Expenses	500 00
School Superintendent	540 00
School Physician	50 00
Support of Library	400 00
Current and Incidental, (payment of salaries)	3,000 00
Support of Poor	500 00
Highways and Bridges	1,500 00
State Military Aid	200 00
Memorial Day	75 00
Interest	1,900 00
Fire Department	600 00
Street Lighting	1,200 00
Water—Incidental	850 00
Pumping	750 00
Construction (unexpended balance)	922 93
Art. X. Extension Bacon Street	2,000 00
Art. XVI. Engine House and Lockup	850 00
Art. XVII. Suppression Sale of Liquors	100 00

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1911-1912.

Current and incidental expenses	\$2,500 00
Highways	1,300 00
Sidewalks	200 00

Memorial Day	75 00
Liquor Law	100 00
Fire Department	500 00
Poor	300 00
State Aid	200 00
Street Lighting	1,200 00
Public Library	400 00
Water Department, current	1,200 00
Water department, incidental	1,000 00
Interest	1,850 00

Selectmen's Financial Report

Current and Incidental Account

SALARIES.

VOUCHER.

17.	Rufus King, Selectman	\$125 00
18.	George F. Cheever, Selectman	100 00
11.	W. E. Blanchard, Assessor	51 30
19.	Joseph F. Breen, Selectman	100 00
20.	W. C. Pond, Assessor	72 00
21.	J. F. Breen, Assessor	75 00
22.	W. E. Barden, Treasurer	100 00
23.	J. W. Blackwell, School Committee	40 00
24.	Rufus King, School Committee	40 00
25.	Gardner Warren, School Committee	40 00
26.	C. N. Moore, Inspector of Cattle	60 00
27.	J. H. Shannon, Town Clerk	75 00
28.	J. Fred Thompson, Sealer Weights and Measures	25 00
29.	John J. Eiden, Auditor	10 00
85.	James H. Shannon, Registrar of Voters	10 00
86.	Frank Gardner, Registrar of Voters	10 00
87.	Harry B. Thompson, Registrar of Voters	10 00
88.	Percy Fisher, Registrar of Voters	10 00
157.	George W. Wood, Tax Collector	75 00
213.	O. P. Brown, Tax Collector	25 00

251.	Frank Barney, Election Officer	3 00
252.	O. P. Brown, Election Officer	3 00
253.	John McQuade, Election Officer	3 00
254.	Henry Noonan, Election Officer	3 00
30.	C. N. Moore, Inspector of Meat	10 00
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		\$1,075 30

CURRENT AND INCIDENTALS.

VOUCHER.

2.	E. Wright Sargent, court fees	\$ 4 19
12.	Continental Nurseries, spraying	171 00
13.	North Attleboro Chronicle Co., printing	5 00
31.	W. E. Barden, expenses	2 60
35.	A. L. Keyes, services town election	3 00
46.	North Attleboro Chronicle, printing re- ports and warrants	153 10
47.	John McQuade, services as ballot clerk	3 00
48.	Henry Noonan, services as teller	3 00
49.	Gardner Warren, services as teller	3 00
50.	O. C. Woodward, services as ballot clerk	3 00
73.	Daniel Crotty, posting warrants	2 50
74.	North Attleboro Chronicle Co., printing ballots	1 75
75.	Hobb & Warren, stationary	82
75.	Hobbs & Warren, stationery	82
77.	J. R. McCool, abstracts	5 00
78.	E. L. Burdington	10 00
79.	H. F. Keeney, services as moderator	5 00
80.	Charles H. Snell, moth inspector	58 35
81.	Henry C. Meyers, moth inspector	46 00
82.	George Davis, moth inspector	46 00
83.	E. E. King, Treasurer's bond	40 00
110.	Providence Telephone Company	1 40
111.	Adams, Cushing & Foster	2 00
138.	Daniel Crotty, summons	7 10

139.	E. Wright Sargent, patrol	3 00
140.	E. Wright Sargent, patrol	21 00
142.	A. T. Parker & Co., insurance	202 50
143.	A. L. Keyes, patrol	3 00
144.	Charles H. Snell, spraying supplies	31 00
145.	Daniel Crotty, patrol	3 00
146.	Charles Quirk, patrol	4 50
147.	V. H. Blackington & Co., police badges	50
148.	W. M. Hall, gas fixtures	80
172.	North Attleboro Chronicle Co., printing signs	5 00
173.	F. B. Byram, services	54 35
192.	Providence Telephone Company	25
205.	William L. Turner, law services	200 00
208.	Wakefield Daily Item, printing	3 30
214.	F. W. Kling Co., printing	2 25
216.	A. T. Parker Co., insurance	202 50
226.	Providence Telephone Company	25
227.	Est. Thomas E. Groow, law services	35 00
228.	Hobbs & Warren Company	2 75
240.	Charles W. Pond, insurance	121 70
245.	Providence Telephone Company	1 00
246.	North Attleboro Chronicle Co., printing warrants	4 00
258.	A. L. Keyes, election officer	3 00
261.	M. F. Edwards, exit signs	2 50
274.	W. M. Hall	5 17
275.	Providence Telephone Company	75
277.	Elmer O. Walden, gypsy moth inspector	36 00
278.	Henry F. Guild, special officer	1 50
279.	Harry Guild, special officer	1 50
280.	Perry Cook, special officer	1 50
280.	J. B. Fitzpatrick	4 75
295.	Henry F. Guild, guide boards	1 15
296.	Daniel Crotty, warrants	14 50
297.	F. B. Byram, town council	15 00

298. Iver Johnson Co., handcuffs	3 00
300. John J. Hargrave	1 00
301. Providence Telephone Company	25
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	\$1,583 23
Salaries	1,075 30
Town Hall	153 63
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	\$2,812 16
Appropriated	\$3,000 00
Receipts from Town Hall	184 00
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	\$3,184 00
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Unexpended balance	\$371 84

Water Incidentals

VOUCHER.

32.	M. Petti	\$ 18 00
43.	William H. Nash	103 50
44.	N. J. Magnan	1 00
45.	National Meter Company	2 25
56.	Woolworth Manufacturing Company	85 22
57.	Woolworth Manufacturing Company	14 14
58.	G. E. Gilchrist Company	20 67
60.	E. C. Barney	3 98
103.	William H. Nash	3 50
99.	Henry Guild	3 29
98.	M. Petti	6 00
100.	National Meter Company	86 00
114.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	12 64
115.	M. Petti	24 00
125.	M. Petti	24 00
129.	M. Petti	24 00
141.	M. Petti	36 00
149.	J. A. Sharpe	6 00
158.	M. Petti	24 00
159.	Matthew Fox	12 00
165.	C. N. Moore	10 22
166.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	50 71
176.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	20 50
177.	National Meter Company	36 00
198.	Herbert E. Thompson	7 10

199.	William H. Nash	7 15
207.	M. Petti	24 00
218.	M. Petti	36 00
223.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	4 88
229.	National Meter Company	43 00
231.	M. Petti	24 00
232.	Ida Rand	18 00
241.	M. Petti	12 00
242.	E. C. Barney	1 25
262.	M. Petti	8 00
264.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	3 59
283.	M. Petti	3 00
284.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	2 01
264.	W. H. Nash	5 30
285.	M. Petti	4 00
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		\$880 90
Appropriation		850 00
Receipts		577 47
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		\$1,427 47
Unexpended balance		\$546 57

WATER CONSTRUCTION.

VOUCHER.

51.	William H. Nash	23 75
54.	M. Petti	36 00
61.	M. Petti	22 00
62.	William H. Nash	14 88
97.	M. Petti	20 00
96.	L. B. Sturtevant	2 00
95.	Herman Loud	2 00
94.	Builders Iron Foundry	8 35
113.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	29 54
150.	Builders Iron Foundry	3 58
151.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	20 04
152.	Rocco Germaine	157 45

167.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	27 24
171.	Harry P. Olney	19 77
178.	William S. Johnson	117 50
179.	M. Petti	24 00
180.	Matthew Fox	24 00
184.	Matthew Fox	5 00
189.	M. Petti	24 00
190.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	43 29
194.	M. Petti	26 75
195.	N. J. Magnan Company	36 14
196.	Rocco Germaine	56 25
197.	Builders Iron Foundry	3 58
219.	H. P. Olney	22 29
220.	Joseph Morrelli	47 00
221.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	28 59
222.	Walworth Manufacturing Company	33 94
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		\$878 93
Appropriation		\$922 93
Receipts		11 69
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		\$934 62
Unexpended balance		\$55 69

WATER, WEST BACON STREET.

VOUCHER.

63.	Builders Iron Foundry	\$ 24 30
112.	Charles Miller & Sons Co.	811 04
134.	Rensselaar Manufacturing Company	122 00
135.	Builders Iron Foundry	45
153.	Jose Morelli	914 38
230.	Jose Morelli	101 59
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		\$1,973 76
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		\$1,973 76
Appropriation		2,000 00
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Unexpended balance		\$26 24

WATER.

VOUCHER.

93. Plainville Land Company	\$375 00
243. Plainville Land Company	375 00
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	\$750 00
Appropriated	750 00

Fire Department

VOUCHER.

5.	\$ 2 43
15. North Attleboro Gas Company	7 56
33. A. L. Keyes	10 40
39. E. C. Barney	7 25
52. North Attleboro Gas Company	3 78
66. George L. Clafflin Company	3 34
67. H. E. Thompson	5 18
64. W. M. Hall	3 10
65. E. C. Barney	4 00
102. North Attleboro Gas Company	2 70
107. H. E. Coombs	1 79
108. Combination Ladder Company	100 00
109. Combination Ladder Company	1 60
127. North Attleboro Gas Company	1 35
155. North Attleboro Gas Company	1 35
168. H. E. Coombs	60
169. E. C. Barney	2 00
170. H. P. Olney	10 47
182. North Attleboro Gas Company	1 35
191. Combination Ladder Company	3 36
201. A. L. Keyes	1 00
202. North Attleboro Gas Company	1 08
225. North Attleboro Gas Company	54
234. H. E. Coombs	90
235. Combination Ladder Company	10 50

247.	William M. Hall	2	13
248.	North Attleboro Gas Company	1	08
266.	North Attleboro Gas Company	1	62
269.	A. L. Keyes	6	50
281.	North Attleboro Gas Company	1	08
291.	A. L. Keyes	6	00
292.	E. C. Barney, coal	14	50
293.	W. M. Hall, grate	1	00
294.	Henry F. Guild, labor	2	86
304.	E. C. Barney	1	00
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			\$225 40
Appropriation	\$600 00		
Receipts	1 00		
		<hr/>	\$601 00
Amount expended			225 40
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Unexpended balance			\$375 60

Overseers of the Poor

VOUCHER.

3.	Woodbury Melcher, rent	\$ 2 75
7.		4 00
10.	Town of Wrentham	166 90
36.		4 00
70.		4 00
89.	City of Boston	18 57
120.		4 00
130.		4 00
162.		4 00
186.		4 00
210.		4 00
238.		4 00
256.		4 00
270.		4 00
273.	Willis L. Hale, medical attendance	12 00
288.		4 00
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		\$248 22
Appropriation		500 00
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Unexpended balance		\$251 78

Forest Fires

VOUCHER.

42.	J. Fred Thompson	\$ 9 70
68.	J. Fred Thompson	35 00
69.	Sylvester Smith	8 50
106.	H. E. Coombs	13 30
200.	H. E. Coombs	3 40
217.	H. E. Coombs	41 70
233.	H. E. Coombs	9 20
260.	H. E. Coombs	11 10
302.	H. E. Coombs	1 80
303.	E. C. Barney	2 00
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		\$135 70

Snow Account

VOUCHER.

41.	E. C. Barney	\$15 30
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Soldiers' Relief

VOUCHER.

6.	\$5 00
38.	5 00
72.	5 00
119.	5 00
132	5 00
161.	5 00
187.	5 00
211.	5 00
237.	5 00
255.	5 00
271.	5 00
287.	5 00
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\$60 00

No appropriation made for this account.

Memorial Day

VOUCHER.

116. George H. Maintien Post 133, G. A. R.	,\$75 00
Appropriated	75 00

Street Lighting

1. American Street Light Company	\$83 33
16. American Street Light Company	83 33
59. American Street Light Company	83 33
123. American Street Light Company	83 33
92. American Street Light Company	83 33
154. American Street Light Company	83 33
203. American Street Light Company	83 33
204. American Street Light Company	83 33
224. American Street Light Company	83 33
244. American Street Light Company	83 33
265. American Street Light Company	83 33
299. American Street Light Company	83 33
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	\$999 96
Appropriation	1,200 00
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Unexpected balance	200 04

Liquor Special

Appropriated	\$100 00
Unexpended	100 00

Highway Department

VOUCHER.

40.	E. C. Barney	\$9 60
55.	E. C. Barney	61 95
90.	E. C. Barney	82 97
91.	E. C. Barney	103 45
104.	E. C. Barney	145 00
105.	E. C. Barney	170 30
121.	E. C. Barney	119 45
122.	E. C. Barney	62 00
124.	E. C. Barney	73 90
128.	E. C. Barney	54 50
136.	E. C. Barney	48 15
137.	E. C. Barney	65 10
174.	E. C. Barney	40 05
175.	E. C. Barney	53 70
183.	E. C. Barney	62 70
193.	E. C. Barney	43 00
206.	E. C. Barney	43 20
215.	E. C. Barney	54 00
263.	E. C. Barney	64 00
276.	E. C. Barney	60 00

 \$1,417 02

Appropriation

1,500 00

Unexpended Balance

 82 98

State Aid

VOUCHER.

8	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$——	\$16 00
37	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	——	16 00
71	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	——	16 00
118	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	——	16 00
131	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	——	16 00
160	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	——	16 00
185	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	22 00
212	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	22 00
239	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	22 00
257	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	22 00
272	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	22 00
286	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	22 00

- \$228 00

The above amount of \$228.00 expended under the provisions of chapter 381, Acts of 1904, to be reimbursed by the state.

Town Hall Account

VOUCHER.

4.	North Attleboro Gas Company	\$7 56
9.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
14.	North Attleboro Gas company	6 75
34.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
53.	North Attleboro Gas Company	4 05
84.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
101.	North Attleboro Gas Company	2 97
117.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
126.	North Attleboro Gas Company	4 05
133.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
156.	North Attleboro Gas Company	6 21
163.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
181.	North Attleboro Gas Company	2 70
188.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
209.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
236.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
249.	North Attleboro Gas Company	1 62
259.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
267.	North Attleboro Gas Company	5 67
268.	A. L. Keyes	7 00
282.	North Attleboro Gas Company	4 05
289.	School Department	24 00
290.	A. L. Keyes	7 00

 \$153 63

Receipts from Town Hall

184 00

Unexpended balance

 \$30 37

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Annual Report of Superintendent of Streets for year 1910
for town of Plainville, Mass.

Amount appropriated	\$1,500 00
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E. C. Barney and men, 1606 hours at 20c per hour	\$321 20
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E. C. Barney, double teams, 777 hours at 30c per hour	233 10
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S. De Green, 20 hours at 20c. per hour	4 00
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Mr. Duffy, 83½ hours at 20c. per hour	16 70
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Herbert Dunbar, 24½ hours at 20c. per hour	4 90
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Thomas Sherman, 626½ hours at 20c. per hour	125 30
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Edward Gould, 8½ hours at 20c. per hour	16 80
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George N. Faas, 151 hours at 20c. per hour	30 20
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Italian No. 1, 112½ hours at 20c. per hour	22 50
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Henry Law, 210½ hours at 20c. per hour	42 10
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Frank Lowe, 78 hours at 20c. per hour	15 60
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D. McKay, 16 hours at 20c. per hour	3 20
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D. McKay, double team, 16 hours at 30c. per hour	4 80
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John McNeil, 547½ hours at 20c. per hour	109 50
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Fred Paul, 24½ hours at 20c. per hour	4 90
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Ellis Peck, 296½ hours at 20c. per hour	59 30
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Ellis Peck, double team, 296½ hours at 30c. per hour	88 95
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Louis Robinson, 60 hours at 20c. per hour	12 00
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R. P. Rhodes, 78 hours at 20c. per hour	15 60
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J. B. Rowey, 84½ hours at 20c. per hour	16 90
George Swallow, 20 hours at 20c. per hour	4 00
Louis Smith, 497 hours at 20c. per hour	99 40
Fred Smith, 29 hours at 20c. per hour	5 80
Elmer Walden, 119½ hours at 20c. per hour	23 90
George White, 103½ hours at 20c. per hour	20 70
John White, 75 hours at 20c. per hour	15 00

\$1,316 35

Adams Express Company, Express Charges	30
M. F. Edwards, Painting Signs	9 75
Henry Guild, labor on Mirimichi Bridge	17 70
Frank Hill, lumber for Mirimichi Bridge	24 99
William Hall, Tools	3 45
Good Roads Machine Co., parts for scraper	6 20
Metal Culvert Co., Steel Culverts	16 80
R. G. Munroe	3 00
W. C. Pond, lumber for Mirimichi Bridge	4 80
H. E. Thompson, Tools and Nails	10 38
Joseph A. Sharp, Repair Tools	3 30

Amount expended \$1,417 02

Unexpended balance \$82 98

Received for scrapings 2 75

Amount cash on hand \$85 73

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD C. BARNEY,
Supt. of Streets.

Assessor's Report

Walter C. Pond, removing from the town during the year, the vacancy in the Board was filled by a joint meeting of Selectmen and Assessors. George B. Greenley was elected to fill the vacancy.

Sums raised by taxation for town grant		\$15,367 81
State tax		1,210 00
State highway tax		90 50
County tax		610 63
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		\$17,278 94
Tax on personal estate	\$ 3,239 26	
Tax on real estate	13,199 68	
Polls	840 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 278 94
Excise tax, M. A. & W. St. R'y.	132 32	
Excise tax, Interstate Street R'y.	87 97	
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Omitted assessment tax, personal estate		226 24
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		17,725 47
Abatements		182 01
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Total sum to collect		\$17,543 46

TABLE OF AGGREGATES APRIL 1st, 1910.

Value of personal estate	\$161,963 00
Value of buildings	466,965 00
Value of land	193,019 00
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	\$821,947 00
Value of omitted personal estate	11,312 00
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	\$833,259 00
Abated valuation, personal	\$3,300 00
Real estate	1,000 00
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	4,300 00
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Total valuation year 1910	\$828,959 00
Total valuation year 1909	874,945 00
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Loss in total valuation, 1910	\$45,984 00
Loss in personal value	73,570 00
Gain in real estate valuation	27,584 00
Total personal estate valuation	169,975 00
Total real estate valuation	658,984 00
Number resident individuals assessed on property	256
Number of others	43
Number non-resident individuals assessed on property	114
Number all others	20
Number polls assessed	420
Number polls only	239
Rate of tax per \$1,000	20 00
Number horses	134
Number cows	193
Number sheep	10
Number other neat cattle	33
Number swine	15
Number dwelling houses	316
Number acres land	6,213

Number fowl	3,026
Value of fowl	\$1,513 00

TAX ABATEMENTS YEAR 1909.

Frank Clyburn, left town, poll	\$2 00
Frank Foster, left town, poll	2 00
George Kettell, left town, poll	2 00
James Levine, left town, poll	2 00
Fred Lovley, left town, poll	2 00
Clarence Osborne, left town, poll	2 00
John Selton, left town, poll	2 00
Charlie Rainville, left town, poll	2 00
William P. Simmons, left town, poll	2 00
Herbert S. Worrell, left town	2 00
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	\$20 00

TAX ABATEMENTS YEAR 1910.

Cyrus King, over valuation, personal	\$20 00
Lyman Cobb, over valuation, personal	20 00
Mary A. Heilborn, over valuation, personal	20 00
Barton W. Jenckes, property removed	6 00
Woodbury Melcher, real estate error	20 00
Edward Chapman, paid in Connecticut poll	2 00
James Carey, left town, poll	2 00
Peter Duffy, left town, poll	2 00
Albert Chevoire, left town, poll	2 00
William Chevoire, left town, poll	2 00
Charles Grubb, left town, poll	2 00
Webster Coolridge, left town, poll	2 00
Ernest Hatch, left town, poll	2 00
William Higgins, left town, poll	2 00
Daniel McKay, left town, poll	2 00
John Plahn, left town, poll	2 00

George Reed, died, poll	2 00
Lovie Simmons, died, poll	2 00
Clarence Snell, paid in Attleboro, poll	2 00
John Roguski, left town, poll	2 00
M.. A. & W. St. R'y., Excise tax, unable to collect	66 01
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	\$182 01

WILLIAM E. BLANCHARD,
JOSEPH F. BREEN,
GEORGE B. GREENLEY,

Assessors of the Town of Plainville.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The year that has passed into history has been for the Water Board almost as busy as the one preceding it, inasmuch as new pipes have been laid, thus extending the system to about 4.90 miles, and new wells have been driven, tested, and connected to the system, which has taken considerable time and money, but all work being done absolutely necessary for the good of the system.

At the last annual town meeting the town appropriated money and voted to extend water mains through West Bacon Street to Walnut Street. We succeeded in getting the proper bids and the contracts were awarded as follows:

Cast iron pipe to Charles Millar & Sons' Co., price \$25.70 per ton delivered.

Pipe laying to Jose Morrell, 29 cents per foot and \$3.00 per cubic yard for blasting rock.

Hydrants & Gates, to Rensselaer Mfg. Co.

Special casting to Builders' Iron Foundry.

On May 20th Mr. Morrell began to lay the pipe and on June 18th the job was finished. We had a small balance left over from the appropriation, which appears in our accounts.

During the past year we have added four new wells to our system, which have met the tests of the State Board of Health. These wells are all below forty feet in depth and have proved a valuable addition to our system.

Owing to the very dry year that has past the people have

used much more water than the previous year and we have been obliged to pump much more water than was figured in the beginning. The pumping figures for the years are as follows:

February, 1910	596,925	gallons
March	448,575	"
April	537,525	"
May	845,100	"
June	1,177,650	"
July	1,540,125	"
August	1,081,725	"
September	1,164,450	"
October	1,329,675	"
November	1,612,200	"
December	1,958,250	"
January, 1911	2,486,250	"

Total gallons pumped during fiscal year 14,778,450

The number of services now in use is 143, single rate; 1, double rate; total, 144.

This is a gain of 26 takers during 1910 and does not include the town buildings. The services are all fed through meters.

Our recommendations for the ensuing year are as follows:

That the amount in the Construction Fund (\$55.69) be appropriated this year for the same purpose.

That the sum of \$1,000.00 and receipts from supplies be appropriated for current and incidental expenses.

That the sum of \$1,200.00 be appropriated for pumping water.

Our accounts are herewith appended.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Amount appropriated by Town	\$922 93
February 21. Received from J. Cohen, junk sale	4 24

Paid

April.

14	M. Petti, 18 days' labor	\$36 00
14	W. H. Nash, for No. 2 Italian and stamps	23 75
28	M. Petti, 11 days' labor	22 00
28	W. H. Nash, freight and pay for Italians No. 2 and 3	14 88

May.

12	Herman Loud, 1 day's labor	2 00
12	L. B. Sturtevant, 1 day's labor	2 00
12	Builders Iron Foundry, 3 well caps	8 35
12	M. Petti, 10 days' labor	20 00
26	Walworth Mfg. Co., 2½-in. pipe and supplies	29 54

July.

13	Builders Iron Foundry, 1 cap	3 58
13	Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	20 04
13	Rocco Germaine, for Italian labor	157 45
28	Walworth Mfg. Co., gates and pipes	27 24
28	H. P. Olney, labor and supplies	19 77

August.

11	W. S. Johnson, Engineering services	117 50
11	M. Petti, 12 days' labor	24 00
11	Mat Fox, 12 days' labor	24 00
25	Mat Fox, 2½ days' labor	5 00
25	M. Petti, 12 days' labor	24 00
25	Walworth Mfg. Co., well supplies	43 29

September.

8	M. Petti, 12 days' labor	26 75
8	Rocco Germaine, 23 days' labor for Italians	56 25
8	Builders Iron Foundry, 2 4-in caps	3 58
8	N. J. Magnan & Co., lumber	36 14

October.

13	Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies, 2 bills	62	53
13	H. P. Olney, labor and supplies	22	29
13	Jose Morrell, extra labor	47	00

1911.

January 1. Received from N. J.

Magnan & Co., for broken pipe	7	45
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Totals	\$878 93	\$934 62
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Balance remaining Feb. 1, 1911	55	69
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WEST BACON STREET

Amount appropriated, special	\$2000 00
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Paid

April 28. Builders Iron Foundry, castings	24	30
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May 26. Chas. Millar & Sons Co., 6-in pipe	811	04
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June.

23 Builders Iron Foundry, 1 plug	45
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23 Rensselaer Mfg. Co., hydrants and gates	122	00
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July 14. J. Morell, pipe laying	914	38
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October 27. J. Morrell, balance of account	101	59
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	\$1,973 76
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Balance remaining Feb. 1, 1911

\$26 24

WATER PUMPING AND RECEIPTS

Amount appropriated for pumping water	\$ 750 00
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Amount received from water rates during 1910	1375 67
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Total	\$2,125 67
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Amount paid for pumping water to

Nov. 1, 1910

750 00

Balance

\$1,375 67

CURRENT AND INCIDENTALS

Received from town

\$850 00

Paid

March.

15	W. H. Nash, Italian labor, 2 days	3 50
24	W. H. Nash, salary to Apr. 1, 1910	100 00
24	N. J. Magnan, use of pump	1 00
24	M. Petti, 9 days' labor	18 00
24	National Meter Co., repairing meter	2 25

April.

14	Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	14 14
14	Walworth Mfg. Co., wrought iron pipe	85 22
14	G. E. Gilchrist & Co., lead flanges	20 67
28	E. C. Barney, freight and express	3 98

May.

12	M. Petti, 3 days' service work	6 00
12	W. H. Nash, 2 days for Italian No. 3	3 50
12	Henry Guild, building wood box	3 29
12	National Meter Co., meters	86 00
26	Walworth Mfg. Co., brass goods	12 64
26	M. Petti, 12 days' service work	24 00

June.

9	M. Petti, 12 day's service work	24 00
23	M. Petti, 12 days' service work	24 00

July.

13	M. Petti, 18 days' service work	36 00
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13	J. A. Sharp, labor on tools	6 00
28	Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	50 71
28	W. H. Nash, stamps and printing	5 30
28	M. Petti, 12 days' service work	24 00
28	Mat Fox, 6 days' service work	12 00
28	C. N. Moore, freight and teaming	10 22

August.

11	Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies, 3 bills	20 50
11	National Meter Co., meters	86 00
	Paid	

September.

8	W. H. Nash, supplies	7 15
8	H. E. Thompson, supplies	7 10
22	M. Petti, 12 days' service work	24 00

October.

13	M. Petti, 18 days' service work	36 00
13	Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	4 88
27	M. Petti, 12 days' labor	24 00
27	National Meter Co., meters	43 00
27	Miss Ida Rand, rent of barn to Oct. 15,	18 00

November.

10	M. Petti, 6 days' labor	12 00
10	E. C. Barney, freight and cartage	1 25
30	M. Petti, 4 days' labor	8 00

December.

8	Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	3 59
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1911.

January.

11	Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies	2 01
11	M. Petti, 1½ days labor	3 00
26	M. Petti, 2 days' labor	4 00

\$880 90

Amount appropriated	\$850 00
Received from supplies during 1910	577 47
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	\$1,427 47
Expended during 1910	880 90
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Balance remaining Feb. 1, 1911	\$546 57

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

Received from supplies	\$577 47
Received from water rates	1375 67
Received from sale of junk	11 69
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Total	\$1,964 83
Amount paid W. E. Barden, Town	
Treasurer	\$1964 83

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. BREEN,
WILLIAM H. NASH,
CHARLES N. MOORE,

Water Commissioners

Tax Collector's Report

1910—1911

Amount of tax levy as per warrant	\$17,278 94	
Supplementary assessment	226 24	
Excise tax	219 99	
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Collected and paid treasurer	\$16,424 82	
Abatements	182 01	
	<hr/>	\$16606 83
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Uncollected balance		\$1118 34
Interest collected and paid treasurer		\$10 27
Total collections		\$16617 10

O. P. BROWN,
Collector of Taxes.

Plainville, Mass., Jan. 31, 1911.

Report of the Inspector of Animals

Plainville, Mass., Feb. 12, 1911

To the Selectmen of Plainville:

Gentlemen:—I submit the following report. I have inspected 58 barns and found one hundred and sixty-seven (167) cows in milk, twenty-two cows (22) that were dry, seven (7) bulls, fifty-nine (59) young stock, one goat and ninety-two (92) swine.

I have quarantined and caused to be destroyed four (4) cows afflicted with the disease known as tuberculosis.

I found the sanitary conditions of barns very good with a few exceptions.

I would recommend, as per a previous report, that all dealers in milk cause their linters to be thoroughly cleaned before milking. By so doing a better report would be ensured them to the State Board of Cattle Commissioners.

I have received an order from the Chief of Cattle Bureau to make another inspection to be completed before the first of March.

Respectfully yours,

C. N. MOORE.

Report of the Inspector of Milk

Plainville, Feb. 1st, 1911.

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the following report as Inspector of Milk:

During the year several tests were made by the Babcock tester, and found the different tests were up to the standard required by law. No complaints have been received as to adulterated milk or cream or milk below the standard.

Milk licenses issued 7.

Amount paid treasurer \$3.50.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN J. EIDEN,

Inspector of Milk.

Report of Fire Engineers

Your Fire Engineers herewith submit their report for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1911.

We have endeavored to keep the expenses of the department down as low as we consistently could. There are some things much needed by the department, but under the present conditions we believe it unwise to expend any large amount of money.

We expected the quarters of the fire department were to be improved so as to give us much needed floor space, but up to the present time it has been impossible to wisely make the changes.

We do not deem it advisable to spend any great amount of money on the present Engine House as in a short time the present quarters will be inadequate to the needs of the department, and we believe the town will see fit to furnish a more suitable house more centrally located.

In accord with the vote of the town at the last annual town meeting to furnish some form of fire protection for the Shepardville district, we purchased \$100.00 worth of fire extinguishers and distributed them throughout the district as follows:

At the homes of Albert B. Pond, Virgil W. Maxey, Clarence Wilkins, David Owen, Chas. Root, M. O. Patten, Geo. B. Greenlay, J. E. Bolton and Elmer C. Young.

We have been fortunate in having but four building fires during the year and we are pleased with the work done by the department within the water district, as the fire loss has been very small.

We have had nine forest fire calls with a total expenditure of \$135.70, which, considering the exceedingly dry season, we think is extremely fortunate.

We recommend that the town at this annual town meeting look into the matter of furnishing the department with a better fire alarm system, as the present method of giving an alarm is not efficient. Several times the past year we have been caught with low steam pressure, and we believe there should be some method of alarm that can be depended upon.

Signed:

H. E. COOMBS,
AUGUST COLLIER,
FRANK E. WHITING.

Expenditures of the Plainville Fire Dept.

For the Year Ending January 31, 1911

Voucher

No. 5	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	\$ 2 43
No. 15	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	7 56
No. 33	A. L. Keyes, janitor service	10 40
No. 39	E. C. Barney, 1 ton coal	7 25
No. 52	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	3 78
No. 64	W. M. Hall, supplies	3 10
No. 65	E. C. Barney	4 00
No. 66	Geo. L. Claflin, supplies	3 34
No. 67	H. E. Thompson, supplies	5 18
No. 102	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	2 70
No. 107	H. E. Combs, expenses	1 79
No. 108	Combination Ladder Co., Fire Ex- tinguishers	100 00
No. 109	Combination Ladder Co., Apparatus Accessories	1 60
No. 127	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	1 35
No. 155	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	1 35
No. 168	H. E. Coombs, Freight Bill	60
No. 169	E. C. Barney, Horses	2 00
No. 170	H. P. Olney, repairs Engine House	10 47
No. 182	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	1 35
No. 191	Combination Ladder Co., supplies	3 36
No. 201	A. L. Keyes, setting glass	1 00

No. 202	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	1 08
No. 225	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	.54
No. 234	H. E. Coombs, expenses	90
No. 235	Combination Ladder Co., supplies	10 50
No. 247	W. M. Hall, stove parts	2 13
No. 248	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	1 08
No. 266	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	1 62
No. 269	A. L. Keyes, janitor service and setting glass	6 50
No. 281	No. Attleboro Gas Light Co.	1 08
No. 291	A. L. Keyes, janitor service	6 00
No. 292	E. C. Barney, 2 tons coal	14 50
No. 293	W. M. Hall, stove grate	1 00
No. 294	H. F. Guild, repairs Engine House	2 86
No. 304	E. C. Barney, Horse hire	1 00
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		\$225 40
Oct. 24	H. E. Coombs, received for wood	1 00
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		\$224 40

FOREST FIRES

Voucher

No. 42	J. F. Thompson, Pay Roll	\$9 70
No. 68	J. F. Thompson, Pay Roll	35 00
No. 69	Sylvester Smith, Pay Roll	8 50
No. 106	H. E. Coombs, Pay Roll	13 30
No. 200	H. E. Coombs, Pay Roll	3 40
No. 217	H. E. Coombs, Pay Roll	41 70
No. 233	H. E. Coombs, Pay Roll	9 20
No. 260	H. E. Coombs, Pay Roll	11 10
No. 302	H. E. Coombs, Pay Roll	1 80
No. 303	E. C. Barney, Horse Hire	2 00
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		\$135 70

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Platform Scales over 2000 lbs. Sealed	2
Platform Scales under 2000 lbs. Sealed	6
Computing Scales Sealed	2
All other Scales Sealed	18
Weights Adjusted and Sealed	44
Dry Measures Adjusted and Sealed	24
Milk Jars Sealed	18
Linear Measures Sealed	1
Total Amount Received	\$7 52

J. F. THOMPSON,
Sealer.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 31st, 1911:—

Library account	\$ 30 07	
State School Fund account	960 71	
General account	6387 55	
	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/>	\$7,378 33

From temporary loans:—

C. D. Parker & Co., June 16, 1910	\$5000 00	
Manufacturers National Bank, Sept. 3, 1910	1000 00	
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From Tax Collector:—

George W. Wood, taxes of 1909	\$2,737 28	
Oliver P. Brown, taxes of 1910	16,386 84	
Oliver P. Brown, Excise tax	219 99	
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From State of Massachusetts:—

Corporation tax	83 72
National Bank tax	24 11
Street Railway Franchise tax	195 50
State Aid	156 00
Inspection of Animals	30 00
Superintendent of Schools	225 00
Support of Teachers	150 00

Support of High School,	500 00	
State School Fund,	1,351 21	
	<hr/>	2,715 54
From County of Norfolk:—		
Dog Licenses,	\$328 33	
Court Fines,	50 00	
	<hr/>	378 33
From Water Commissioners:—		
Water Rates,	\$1,375 67	
Supplies,	577 47	
Construction,	11 69	
	<hr/>	1,964 83
From Selectmen:—		
Rent of Hall,	\$184 00	
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From School Committee:—		
Heating Town Hall,	\$24 00	
Reimbursements,	8 03	
	<hr/>	32 03
From Overseers of Poor:—		
Town of Attleborough,	\$12 00	
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From Town of North Attleborough:—		
Tax on Water Supply,	\$10 00	
	<hr/>	10 00
From Sealer of Weights and Measures:—		
Fees,	\$8 21	
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From Fire Department:—		
Merchandise sold,	\$1 00	
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From Town Clerk:—		
Junk Licenses,	\$50 00	
Auctioneer's License,	2 00	
Billiard and Pool Licenses,	5 00	
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From Inspector of Milk:—

Licenses,	\$3 50	
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		3 50

From Joseph Endres' License

\$6 00	
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	6 00

From Interest:—

Deposits, Manufacturer's National

Bank,	\$70 23	
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Deposits, Jewelers' National Bank	140 55	
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George W. Wood, Taxes 1909,	29 74	
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Oliver P. Brown, Taxes 1910,	10 27	
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		250 79

From Income of Town School Fund,

\$29 09	
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	29 09

Total

 \$38,374 76

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,900 00
Received on deposits Manufacturers' Nat. Bank,	70 23
Received on deposit Jewelers' Nat. Bank,	140 55
Received on Taxes for 1909,	29 74
Received on Taxes for 1910,	10 27
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Total	\$2,150 79

PAYMENTS.

1910.

February.

28. Paid Coupon: Water Loan, 4 %,	\$700 00
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April.

28. Paid Interest School House Loan, 3½ %,	192 50
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June.

17. Paid C. D. Parker & Co., Interest on \$5,000,	
140 days at 4⅛ %,	80 21

August.

26. Paid Coupons Water Loan, 4 %, 700 00

November.

1. Paid Manufacturers' Nat. Bank Interest on
\$1,000, 27 days at 5 %, 3 75

November.

2. Paid Interest School House Loan, 3½ %, 175 00

1911.

January.

31. Paid Interest Town School Fund Note at
4 %, 29 09

\$1,880 55

January.

31. Unexpended balance, 270 24

Total \$2,150 79

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, Feb. 1st, 1910 30 07

Appropriation 400 00

Total \$430 07

Paid Bills approved by Trustees 337 53

Unexpended Balance \$92 54

STATE SCHOOL FUND

Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1910 \$960 71

Received from State, Jan. 25, 1911 1,351 21

Total \$2,311 92

Transferred to School Account
by order of School Committee 818 54

Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1911 \$1,493 38

TOWN SCHOOL FUND

Note of Town payable in 1921	\$727 30
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REGULAR TOWN DEBT.

Liabilities

Ten School House notes	\$10,000 00
Note due from School Fund	727 30
Accrued Interest on School House Notes	87 50
Accrued Interest on Water Supply Bonds	583 33
Amount due Town of Wrentham	1,433 82
Outstanding Bills	1,200 00
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Total	\$14,031 95

ASSETS

Due from State (Supt. of Schools)	\$187 50
Due from State (Inspection of Animals)	30 00
Due from State (State Aid)	228 00
Due from Other Sources	800 00
Due from Uncollected Taxes	1,118 34
Cash on Hand	7,459 12
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	\$9,822 96
Net Debt of Town, Jan. 31, 1911	\$4,208 99
Net Debt of Town, Jan. 31, 1910	\$3,847 59
Increase of Net Debt	\$361 40

TOWN WATER SUPPLY DEBT

50 Coupon notes value \$700 00 each, issued September 1, 1908, payable two September 1, 1913 and two annually thereafter, interest payable semi-annually—rate 4%	\$ 35,000 00
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WALTER E. BARDEN,
Town Treasurer.

PAYMENTS

	Appropriations	Receipts	Total	Expended	Unexpended Bal.	Overdraws
Schools	\$5600 00	\$ 328 33				
Dog Licenses		650 00				
From State of Massachusetts		818 54				
State School Fund		29 09				
Town School Fund		24 00	\$7449 96	\$5069 60		
Heating Town Hall				1216 00		
Teachers				624 00		
Transportation				540 36		
Janitor				7449 96		
Fuel				540 00		
Superintendent of Schools	540 00		540 00		\$54 52	
School Books	500 00	6 53	506 53	452 01		
School Incidentals	500 00	1 50	501 50	417 10	84 40	
School Physician	50 00		50 00	25 00	25 00	
Public Library	400 00	30 07	430 07	337 53	92 54	
Current and Incidentals	3000 00			1583 23		
Salaries				1075 30		
Town Hall		184 00	3184 00	153 63	371 84	
Highways	1500 00		1500 00	1417 02	82 98	
Snow Bill				15 30		* \$ 15 30
Forest Fires				135 70		* 135 70
Fire Department	600 00	1 00	601 00	225 40	375 60	

Water Department—Pumping	750 00	750 00	750 00	750 00	750 00			
“ “ Incidentals	850 00	1427 47	880 90	880 90	546 57			
“ “ Construction	922 93	934 62	878 93	878 93	55 69			
“ “ West Bacon St.	2000 00	2000 00	1973 76	1973 76	26 24			
Street Lighting	1200 00	1200 00	999 96	999 96	200 04			
Poor	500 00	500 00	248 22	248 22	251 78			
Soldiers' Relief			60 00	60 00	*			60 00
State Aid	200 00	200 00	228 00	228 00				28 00
Liquor Law	100 00	100 00			100 00			
Memorial Day	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00				
Engine House (Special)	850 00	850 00			850 00			
Interest	1900 00	250 79	2150 79	1880 55	270 24			
Note—School Building Loan	22037 93	2913 01	24950 94	21802 50	3387 44			239 00
Temporary Loans	1000 00		1000 00	1000 00				
State Tax		6000 00	6000 00	6000 00				
State Highway Tax	1210 00		1210 00	1210 00				
County Tax	90 50		90 50	90 50				
Abatement—Taxes of 1909	610 63		610 63	610 63				
Abatement—Taxes of 1910				20 00				20 00
Abatement—Excise Tax				116 00				116 00
				66 01				66 01
Cash on Hand, Public Library Acct.	\$24949 06	\$8913 01	\$33862 07	\$30915 64	\$3387 44			\$441 01
“ “ State School Fund Acct.				92 54				
“ “ General Acct.				1493 38				
				5873 20				
				\$38374 76				

*No appropriation

WALTER E. BARDEN, Town Treasurer

Auditor's Report

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE

This certifies that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of Treasurer and find them correct. That I have compared the vouchers of the Selectmen, School Committee, and Water Commissioners, and find them to agree with the payments of the Treasurer. That I have compared the payroll of the Surveyor of Highways and find them to agree with the payments of the Treasurer. That I have carefully examined the books of the Collector of Taxes for the year 1909 and find the same correct and paid in full, and the books of the Collector for 1910 and that the amounts collected and taxes unpaid are as stated in the Treasurer's report.

JOHN J. EIDEN,

Auditor.

Plainville, Mass., Feb. 13, 1911.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Warrant For Annual Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.:

To Daniel Crotty or any of the Constables of the Town of Plainville:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Plainville, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Plainville, on Monday, the twenty-first (21) day of March, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To consider and act upon the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and other Town officers. .

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town officers. The following are to be chosen by ballot, viz.: Three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, one Assesor for three years,

one Treasurer, one Clerk, one Trustee of Public Library for three years, one Auditor, one Collector of Taxes, one Surveyor of Highways, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Tree Warden, three Constables, one member of the School Committee for three years, and also upon the same ballot, to vote upon the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?" All officers, except as above named, are to be chosen for one year.

The polls will be open at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and may be closed at 2 p. m.

ARTICLE 4. To see how much money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for:

- 1st. The support of schools the current year.
- 2d. For school books and incidentals the current year.
- 3d. For the employment of a Superintendent of Schools.
- 4th. For the support of the Public Library.
- 5th. For the payment of salaries of the different Town officers.
- 6th. For current and incidental expenses the current year.
- 7th. For the support of the poor the current year.
- 8th. For highways and bridges the current year, and determine how it shall be expended.
- 9th. For State and military aid the current year.
- 10th. For Memorial Day.
- 11th. For payment of interest the current year.
- 12th. For Fire Department the current year.
- 13th. For lighting the streets the current year.
- 14th. For the employment of a school physician.

15th. For the Water Department.

- a. Incidentals.
- b. Pumping water.
- c. Extension of service.
- d. Construction.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will grant the use of Town Hall free of charge to George H. Maintien Post 33, G. A. R., three days the current year.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will grant the use of Town Hall free of charge to the Fire Department two evenings the current year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will grant the use of Town Hall free of charge to the Alumni Association one evening the current year.

ARTICLE 8. To see how much the Town will vote to pay the Clerk of the Water Commissioners for services.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract with the State Highway Commission to take over South street from Bacon street to the North Attleboro line.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water main on Bacon street from Bacon square to Walnut street and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or any other sum therefor. (Petition.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water main northerly on South street from the end of the main to a point at or near the Wrentham Town line, and appropriate money therefor or do anything relating thereto. (Petition.)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the

Water Commissioners to petition the Legislature for the right to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000 for the extension of its water mains.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to furnish further fire protection for that section of the Town known as Shepardsville, or take any other action and appropriate money therefor. (Petition.)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to allow the citizens of Shepardsville the use of its street lamps not now in use subject to the provisions of the Town. (Petition.)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the election of Highway Surveyor and see what provision the Town will make for the care of its Highways.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise the Engine house, add floor space for truck, and install detention cells in the basement, and appropriate \$850, or any other sum therefor.

ARTICLE 17. To see how much money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the apprehension and prosecution of offenders against the law relating to the illegal keeping and sale of such liquors, and instruct the Selectmen to employ efficient agents and counsel to prosecute such offenders.

ARTICLE 18. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the collection of taxes the current year, fix the compensation of the Collector, and determine the rate of interest to be charged on taxes remaining unpaid after November 1, 1910.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to have the surety on the Collector's or other Town officers' bonds,

placed with a fidelity or guarantee company, and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for the same.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all the means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year, beginning February 1, 1910, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sum of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the date thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

ARTICLE 22. To choose any committee to hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk in conformity to public statutes, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Plainville, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

RUFUS KING,
GEO. F. CHEEVER,
JOSEPH F. BREEN,

Selectmen of the Town of Plainville,

[Seal.]

CONSTABLE'S RETURN ON WARRANT.

In conformity to the public statutes I have posted attest copies of the Town Warrant in public places, namely, one at each of the Jewelry Shops, Post Office, Drug Store, Thompson's Store, Waiting Room, Blake's Hill and Shepardsville.

Signed :

DANIEL CROTTY,

Coonstable of Plainville

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss. :

March 21, 1910

Then personally appeared Daniel Crotty, Constable of Plainville, and made oath that the above return by him made is true, before me.

JAMES H. SHANNON,

Town Clerk.

Record of Proceedings of Annual Meeting

Records of proceedings at Annual Meeting held March 21, 1910, at Town Hall, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk James H. Shannon, and the warrant read. The ballot box was duly examined and found to be correct and in order, and the ballots and election apparatus delivered to the election officers and receipts taken therefor.

ARTICLE 1 was taken up and it was voted unanimously that W. H. Nash cast one ballot for H. F. Keeney for Moderator, which ballot being cast Mr. Keeney was declared elected Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Norman Hall it was voted that the reports of the several town officers be accepted as printed.

On motion of J. F. Breen, Article 5 was then taken up and on motion of W. H. Nash, it was voted George H. Maintien Post 133, G. A. R. have the free use of Town Hall three days the current year.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Rufus King, it was voted that the Fire Department have the use of Town Hall free of charge two evenings the current year.

ARTICLE 7. It was voted on motion of Rufus King, that the Alumni Association have the use of Town Hall, free of charge one evening the current year.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Rufus King, Article 9 was taken up. On motion of J. F. Breen, it was unanimously voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make a contract with the Highway Commission to take over South street from Bacon street to the North Attleboro line.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of J. F. Breen, Article 3 was taken up and the polls declared open. Henry F. Noonan and Gardner Warren as tellers, and Oswin C. Woodward, and John McQuaid as ballot clerks. The voters then proceeded to ballot for the various officers to be chosen by ballot and also to vote on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?"

ARTICLE 4. On motion of W. H. Nash Article 4 was taken up, and on motion of Rufus King, fifty-six hundred dollars was granted for the support of schools the current year.

On motion of J. W. Blackwell, it was voted that five hundred dollars be granted for school books and five hundred dollars for school incidentals the current year.

On motion of Gardner Warren, five hundred and forty dollars was granted for employing a Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of F. W. Northup, four hundred dollars was granted to support of the Public Library.

On motion of J. F. Breen, it was voted that three thousand dollars together with the receipts from Town Hall be granted for salaries of the various town officers and for current and incidental expenses.

On motion of R. King, it was voted that five hundred dollars be granted for the support of the poor.

Section 8 of Article 4, "For highways and bridges and current year, and determine how it shall be expended," brought forth several motions that failed. On motion of F. E. Hill, the question was divided and it was voted that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be granted for highways and bridges.

It was then voted that Article 4 be laid on the table.

On motion of W. E. Barden, Article 15 was then taken up, "To see if the Town will vote to abolish the election of Highway Surveyor, and see what provision the Town will make for the care of its highways."

It was voted that Article 15 be indefinitely postponed.

On a motion of Mr. Barden that the Selectmen be instructed to call a meeting before the next annual meeting, the chair was in doubt and the vote being taken by count resulted affirmative thirty, negative thirty-one. It was then voted on motion of Sylvester Smith that Article 4 be taken up, Sec. 8th. On motion of J. F. Breen and seconded by Rufus King, in writing, "that the sum of not less than five hundred dollars be expended in that part of the Town known as Shepardsville, from Washington street North Attleboro line, comprising the east part of the Town," and the addition offered as an amendment by Mr. Nash, that a like sum be expended upon the district known as Blake's Hill to include from the railroad westerly, being accepted by the movers, it was voted as moved and incorporating the amendment of Mr. Nash.

For State Military Aid on motion of R. King the sum of two hundred dollars was granted.

On motion of J. J. Eiden, the sum of seventy-five dollars was granted for Memorial Day, and that the sum be given to Quartermaster of Geo. H. Maintien Post, G. A. R., and expended by him.

On motion of J. F. Breen Article 4 was then laid on the table.

It was then voted to take up Article 13.

In connection with Article 13 it was voted to take up Article 4, Section 12, and on motion of W. E. Barden it was voted that the sum of six hundred dollars be granted for the Fire Department and that one hundred dollars of said sum be used in the purchase of extinguishers for Shepardsville.

On motion of J. F. Breen, Section 13 of Article 4 was taken up and on motion of J. F. Breen the sum of twelve hundred dollars was granted for lighting the streets.

On motion of Mr. King, the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated for employing a School Physician.

On motion of W. E. Barden, it was again voted to lay Article 4 on the table.

On motion of W. E. Barden, it was voted to take up Article 10.

On motion of E. H. Nelson, it was voted to take a recess until 1:15 o'clock p. m.

After recess, 1:15 o'clock p. m., it was voted on motion of Frank E. Whiting that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated and that the Water Works be extended from Bacon square to Walnut street.

It was voted to take up Article 11, on motion of John W. Blackwell.

It was voted on motion of John W. Blackwell, that the Water Works be extended on South street northerly, to a point on said street as far as the Water Commissioners deem expedient.

Article 12 was taken up on motion of W. E. Barden.

On motion of W. H. Nash, Article 12 was laid upon the table.

On motion of J. F. Breen, Article 8 was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Barden, Article 4 was taken up with Article 8. No action was taken on Article 8, but on Section 15 of Article 4, eight hundred and fifty dollars and receipts from supplies was on motion of J. F. Breen granted for Water Department (a) incidentals. The sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars was granted on motion of W. H. Nash (b) for pumping water, and on motion of W. H. Nash, the unexpended balance of nine hundred and twenty-two dollars and ninety-three cents was granted for (d) construction.

On motion of W. H. Nash (c) of Section 15, "extension of service" was laid on the table. Section 11 "For payment of interest the current year" on motion of Mr. Barden it was voted that the sum of nineteen hundred dollars together with interest receipts, except interest on school fund be granted.

Article 14 was taken up on the motion of W. H. Nash, On motion of F. E. Hill, that the citizens of Shepardsville be granted the use of street lamps not now in use, Mr. Barden offered an amendment that the Selectmen be authorized to loan the lamps to such citizens of the town and under such conditions as they deem fit. Voted as amended.

Article 21 was taken up on motion of W. E. Barden, and on motion of John J. Eiden, it was unanimously voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized with the approval of the Selectmen or a majority thereof to borrow during the municipal year beginning February 1, 1910, in anticipation of the collecton of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 16 was taken up on motion of W. H. Nash. It was voted on motion of W. H. Nash that the Engine House be raised up and floor space increased and a detention cell installed under the same and that the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted and expended by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 17. On motion of W. H. Nash it was voted that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated and raised for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the apprehension and prosecution of offenders against the law relating to the illegal keeping and sale of such liquors, and to instruct the Selectmen to employ efficient agents and counsel to prosecute such offenders.

ARTICLE 18. On motion of W. H. Nash the compensation of Tax Collector was voted to be one hundred dollars, twenty-five dollars of same to be paid in advance, and that 6% interest to be charged on taxes unpaid after November 1, 1910.

ARTICLE 19. It was voted to have the surety on the Collectors and other Town Officers' bonds placed with a fidelity or guarantee company and paid for from current and incidental appropriations.

ARTICLE 20. It was voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use all the means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ARTICLE 22. "To choose any committee, to hear the report of any committee and act thereon." The committee on By-Laws reported a code of By-Laws that was read by the Clerk and on motion of J. F. Breen, it was voted that the report of the committee be accepted, and that the By-Laws as approved become operative and that 500 copies of the same be published and that they also be printed in the next annual report, and that the expense of same be paid from the appropriation for current and incidental expenses.

On motion of Charles A. Coombs, the polls were closed at 2:15 p. m. and the ballot box registered two hundred and fifteen, the number of names checked on lists as having voted was two hundred and fifteen, and two hundred and fifteen ballots had been cast. The result of the count of ballots was as follows:—

Town Clerk for One Year:

JAMES H. SHANNON, Republican,	198
O. P. BROWN,	1
BLANKS	16

Treasurer for One Year:

WALTER E. BARDEN, Republican,	189
BLANKS	26

Selectmen for One Year:

JOSEPH F. BREEN, Republican,	104
GEORGE F. CHEEVER, Nomination Papers,	136
NATHANIEL C. GRANT, Republican,	143
RUFUS KING, Republican,	163
BLANKS	99

Overseers of the Poor for One Year:

JOSEPH F. BREEN, Republican,	104
GEORGE F. CHEEVER, Nomination Papers,	127
NATHANIEL C. GRANT, Republican,	142
RUFUS KING, Republican,	165
BLANKS	107

Assessor for Three Years:

WALTER C. POND, Republican,	195
BLANKS	20

School Committee for Three Years:

JOHN W. BLACKWELL, Republican	186
BLANKS	29

Water Commissioner for Three Years:

CHARLES N. MOORE, Republican,	195
BLANKS	20

Trustee of Public Library for Three Years:

JAMES H. SHANNON, Republican,	192
BLANKS	23

Collector of Taxes for One Year:

OLIVER P. BROWN, Republican,	147
EDWARD H. NELSON, Nomination Papers,	52
BLANKS	16

Highway Surveyor for One Year:

EDWARD C. BARNEY, Republican,	140
ELLIS J. PECK, Nomination Paper,	63
BLANKS	12

Auditor for One Year:

JOHN J. EIDEN, Republican,	184
BLANKS	31

Tree Warden for One Year:

EDWARD C. BARNEY, Republican,	177
BLANKS	38

Constables for One Year:

DANIEL CROTTY, Republican,	177
E. WRIGHT SARGENT, Republican,	173
SYLVESTER SMITH, Republican,	182
JOHN MARBLE,	1
CHARLES NASH	1
BLANKS	111

The vote on the question "Shall license be granted for

the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" resulted as follows:

YES, 52 NO, 139 BLANKS, 24

Other Town officers were chosen for one year as follows:

Fence Viewers:

CHARLES N. MOORE, FRANK E. HILL,

Field Drivers:

J. H. GREVEN, NATHANIEL C. GRANT

Measurers of Wood and Lumber:

EDWARD C. BARNEY, SYLVESTER SMITH,
WALTER C. POND.

The result of the ballot for the various town officers having been recorded and declared, the Town Clerk-elect was sworn by the Moderator and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 o'clock p. m.

JOHN H. SHANNON

Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual State Election

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss. :

To Daniel Crotty or either of the Constables of the Town of Plainville in said County:

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the said Town of Plainville to meet in Town Hall, in said Plainville, on TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 1910, at Five Forty-five o'clock a. m., it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, then and there to give in their votes:

For a Governor of the Commonwealth.

For a Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth.

For a Secretary of the Commonwealth.

For a Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth.

For an Auditor of the Commonwealth.

For an Attorney General.

For a Councillor for the Second District.

For a District Attorney, South Eastern District.

For a Representative in Congress from the Twelfth District.

For a Senator from the Second Norfolk District.

For One Representative in the General Court for the
Twelfth Norfolk District.

For a Commissioner for Norfolk County.

For a Sheriff for Norfolk County.

All on One Ballot.

The polls will be open at six o'clock a. m., and may be closed at four o'clock in the afternoon, and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least ten public places in said town, at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hand and the seal of the said Town of Plainville, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

[Signed]

RUFUS KING,
GEORGE F. CHEEVER,
NATHANIEL C. GRANT.

Selectmen of Plainville.

[Seal]

OFFICER'S RETURN.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss.:

November 8, 1910.

Then personally appeared Alvin L. Keyes, Special Officer, and Daniel Crotty, Constable, and made oath that the above warrant was duly served by posting ten attested copies of the same as directed, in ten public places in said Town of Plainville, before me.

[Signed]

JAMES H. SHANNON,
Town Clerk.

Annual State Election

The annual State Election was held on Tuesday November 8, 1910, at the Town Hall. The meeting was opened by Town Clerk Shannon at 5:45 o'clock a. m., reading the Warrant. The election officers were sworn and the apparatus and ballot box were duly examined and found correct, and the ballots were delivered to the Election Officers and the polls were declared open at 6 o'clock a. m. The voters then proceeded to cast their votes, Rufus King, Chairman of Selectmen, presiding, and ballots and check list in charge of Frank E. Barney, Henry Noonan, John McQuaid and O. P. Brown. Selectman George F. Cheever in charge of ballot box.

At 2:30 o'clock p. m. the ballot box was opened by vote of all the election officers when the box registered two hundred and fifty-three ballots cast and counting of the votes was begun.

By vote the polls were closed at 4:30 o'clock p. m. The ballot box registered two hundred and seventy-five ballots as having been cast and the check lists indicated number of names checked, two hundred and seventy-five, and the number of ballots was two hundred and seventy-five.

The result of the counting of ballots was as follows:

Whole number of ballots cast was 276.

Governor :

EBEN S. DRAPER, Republican	198
EUGENE N. FOSS, Democrat	52
EUGENE N. FOSS, Democratic Progressive	
Nomination Paper	7
EUGENE N. FOSS, No Designation,	2
JOHN A. NICHOLLS, Prohibition,	1
MORITZ E. RUTHER, Socialist Labor,	3
DANIEL A. WHITE, Socialist,	6
BLANKS	6

Lieutenant Governor

THOMAS F. CASSIDY, Democratic Independent,	
Nomination Paper,	43
LOUIS A. FROTHINGHAM, Republican,	204
HENRY C. HESS, Socialist Labor,	2
PATRICK MAHONEY, Socialist,	6
WILLIAM G. MORRILL, Prohibition,	4
BLANKS	16

Secretary :

HARRIET D'ORSAY, Socialist	11
CHARLES J. MARTELL, Democratic,	36
ANDREW MORTENSON, Socialist Labor,	2
WILLIAM M. OLIN, Republican,	196
WILLIAM E. THOMAS, Prohibition,	8
BLANKS	22

Treasurer :

CARL FREDRIKSON, Socialist Labor,	2
THOMAS A. FRISSELL, Prohibition,	7
SYLVESTER J. McBRIDE, Socialist,	7
BENJAMIN F. PEACH, Democratic,	34
ELMER A. STEVENS, Republican,	205
BLANKS	20

Auditor :

JOHN HOLT, Prohibition,	6
JEREMIAH P. McNALLY, Socialist Labor,	4
AMBROSE MILES, Socialist,	8
CHARLES C. PAINE, Democratic,	35
HENRY E. TURNER, Republican,	199
BLANKS	23

Attorney General :

DENNIS McGOFF, Socialist Labor,	3
HAROLD METCALF, Socialist,	8
JOHN B. RATIGAN, Democratic,	32
JAMES M. SWIFT, Republican,	208
BLANKS	24

Congressman—Twelfth District :

DANIEL J. DALEY, Democratic,	48
JOHN W. WEEKS, Republican,	214
BLANKS	13

Councillor—Second District

J. STEARNS CUSHING, Republican,	207
JEAN P. NICKERSON, Democratic,	36
BLANKS	32

Senator—Second Norfolk District :

WILLIAM F. HUMPHREY, Democratic,	48
CHARLES H. PEARSON, Republican,	204
BLANKS	23

Representative in General Court

Twelfth Norfolk District :

FRED P. CHAPMAN, Republican,	203
EDWARD W. WALSH, Democratic,	46
BLANKS	26

County Commissioner, Norfolk:

SILAS A. STONE, Democrat, Republican,	212
BLANKS,	63

Associate Commissioners, Norfolk:

FRED L. FISHER, Republican,	176
GEORGE F. MAXWELL, Democratic,	38
HENRY A. WHITNEY, Republican,	152
BLANKS,	184

District Attorney, Southeastern District:

ALBERT F. BARKER, Republican,	209
CHARLES E. BURBANK, Socialist,	17
MOSES H. McGAUGHEY, Democratic,	26
BLANKS,	23

Sheriff, Norfolk County:

SAMUEL H. CAPEN, Democratic, Republican,	211
BLANKS,	64

The result of the ballot was declared and the certificates of the various votes duly executed by the election officers, and the meeting adjourned at 7 o'clock P. M.

Signed:

JAMES H. SHANNON,

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Meeting

Franklin, Mass., November 18, 1910.

Twelfth Norfolk Representative District.

A record of the doings of the Town Clerks of the towns of Bellingham, Foxboro, Franklin, Plainville and Wrentham, constituting the Twelfth Norfolk Representative District.

On the eighteenth day of November, 1910, the Clerks of the above named towns met at the Town House in Franklin and examined and compared transcripts of the votes cast on the eighth day of November, 1910, in said towns for Representative in the General Court for the Twelfth District in Norfolk County, and did ascertain that Fred P. Chapman of Franklin, Republican, was duly elected; and issued certificates of his election, one of which was sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston and one was delivered to the Constable of Franklin to be served on the said Fred P. Chapman.

Tabulation of Vote

F. P. Chapman E. W. Welsh

	of Franklin.	of Foxboro.	Blanks.	Totals.
Bellingham,	94	64	8	166
Foxboro,	316	215	36	567
Franklin,	433	264	49	746
Plainville,	203	46	26	275
Wrentham,	175	38	19	232
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Totals,	1221	627	138	1986

Witness our hands at Franklin, this eighteenth day of
November, 1910,

HENRY A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk of Bellingham.

HOWARD E. NEWTON,
Town Clerk of Foxboro.

ORESTES T. DOE,
Town Clerk of Franklin.

JAMES H. SHANNON,
Town Clerk of Plainville.

DAVID T. STONE,
Town Clerk of Wrentham.

Perambulation, Foxborough-Plainville, 1910

In accordance with the provisions of the statutes the Selectmen of Foxborough and Plainville met by appointment on Thursday the first day of December, A. D. 1910, and perambulated the lines, examined the monuments and renewed the marks thereon, between said towns, as follows, to wit:

First. Beginning at a monument on the northerly side of "Cutting Plain" on a knoll or ridge, being the easterly corner of Plainville, the southerly corner of Foxborough and the corner of Mansfield and North Attleborough; thence N. 5° E. 25 chains 45 links old survey, new survey 1750 feet to a road stone for a monument situate on the easterly side of the old "Post Road" now called Cedar street, in said Foxborough and Messinger street in said Plainville, on "Tar Hill," so called, near Mirimichi, or "Shepard's Pond."

Second. Thence N. 5 degrees E. 56 chains 46 links to a road stone for a monument situate on the northerly side of Spruce street in said Foxborough and Mirimichi street in said Plainville.

Third. Thence N. 5 degrees E. to a road stone for a monument situate on the northerly side of Daniels street in said Foxborough and Belcher street in said Plainville, and

Fourth. Thence N. 5 degrees E. to a road stone for a monument situate on the southerly side of West street in said

Foxborough and Thurston street in said Plainville, also being the corner of Wrentham; the last two courses measuring in the aggregate 81 chains 80 links. All of said monuments being properly lettered and set.

Signed:

WILLIAM S. KIMBALL,
ERNEST A. WHITE, Substitute for
Selectmen of Foxborough.

Signed:

GEORGE F. CHEEVER,
EDWARD C. BARNEY, Substitute for
Selectmen of Plainville.

Prambulation of Wrentham-Plainville Line

The Selectmen of Wrentham and Plainville met by appointment the 28th day of December, 1910, and proceeded to run and establish the line between said towns, permanent stone monuments being erected on each street as follows:

We commenced at a stone monument marked "W," "F" and "P" on the westerly side of Thurston street at the Foxborough town line; thence running south 69 degrees, 14 minutes, 38 seconds west, by true meridian about 3881 feet to a stone monument on the westerly side of Madison street marked "P" and "W;" thence in the same course about 846 feet to a stone monument on the northerly side of Washington street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 4053 feet to a stone monument on the Westerly side

of Taunton street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 2375 feet to a stone monument on the westerly side of George street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 2383 feet to a stone monument on the southerly side of Wampum street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 923 feet to a stone monument on the easterly side of Berry street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 2456 feet to a stone monument on the easterly side of south street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 948 feet to a stone monument on the southerly side of Green street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 198 feet to a stone monument on the easterly side of High street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 6355 feet to a stone monument on the westerly side of Hancock street marked "P" and "W"; thence in the same course about 2387 feet to a stone monument at Burnt Swamp corner at the northeasterly corner of the State of Rhode Island.

And the line is hereby established as the permanent boundary line between the said towns of Wrentham and Plainville in accordance with the above described courses, distances and monuments.

Signed:

WILLIAM C. AVERILL,
H. A. COWELL,
GEORGE E. FARRINGTON,

Selectmen of Wrentham.

Signed:

GEORGE F. CHEEVER,
ERNEST C. BLACKWELL, Sub.,
Selectmen of Plainville.

Trustees of the Public Library

During the past year the circulation of library books remained about the same as the preceding year, but would have been much larger if it were not for the closing a few weeks on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever, and also that the time of many of the readers was so occupied in the making of purses at home that little time could be devoted to reading.

A very important feature was introduced last November in the opening of the library Friday afternoons, thus accommodating the pupils that live some distance away, and those who could not very well avail themselves of the library privileges in the evening. Miss Dacia Northup was engaged for this work and the result has been highly satisfactory and the Friday opening has been much appreciated and many more books are circulated each week.

The books added to the library have been more than equal to the demands of readers except that a call might be occasional for some work not in the library. Our desire is, however, to provide as far as possible for the wishes of our readers. Many valuable works of reference and standard educational, historical and technical works of permanent value have been added during the year and a special effort will be made the coming year to familiarize the public with the excellent material we already possess so that it is hoped something more than fiction may be read. The same as other years, reading has been almost wholly of fiction the

past year, though a change has been introduced by issuing an extra card to each reader who wishes to take out two books at same time, but only one of which shall be fiction. This privilege we hope to see many take.

At the close of the year the Chapel Aid Society, knowing well the often expressed wish of the late Miss Angenette A. Warren that something be given to the library, donated the sum of fifty dollars that would serve to aid the library and also be a memorial to one of its friends. This donation will appear in Treasurer's report next year.

The Trustees were very pleased to accept this grateful offering and the fund will be used in providing suitable books and cabinet for same especially designated and to remain in the library. The thanks of the patrons of the library are due to the donors of this sum.

Though the report of the Treasurer may show that quite a sum remained unexpended we will state that bills to the extent of about all the balance had been contracted for. The support of the library calls for as liberal grant as heretofore on the part of the town.

With sadness as depressing as falls to the lot of individuals and companions in the same work, we record the passing away of our fellow Trustee, John W. Blackwell, whose death occurred February 17th of the present year (1911). What more can we say? Good man, conscientious public servant, beloved of many, we mourn our loss.

JAMES SHANNON,
FRED W. NORTHUP,

Trustees Plainville Public Library.

Annual Report of the School Committee, Town of Plainville

MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year Ending January the 31st, 1911



School Officials

Rufus King, Chairman, 1911

Gardner Warren, Secretary, 1912

John W. Blackwell, 1913

George W. Bemis, Superintendent

E. Wright Sargent, Truant Officer

James R. Foster, M. D., School Physician

John W. Blackwell, Elected to the School Board in
1907, Died February 17th, 1911

Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Plainville:

We submit the sixth annual report of the committee for your consideration.

The joint committee of the Towns of Norton, Wrentham and Plainville, met in April and unanimously re-elected Mr. George W. Bemis as Superintendent for the year.

That the town has been most fortunate in being able to retain his services is evidenced by the corps of teachers selected and the harmonious work accomplished during the year.

In contracting with the teachers Mr. Bemis exacted from them the promise to stay the entire year. Release to be had only by mutual agreement. We have been able to pay better wages under this plan, and the schools have had the benefit of this better acquaintance with scholars and methods.

While it is right to be satisfied with the results of the past year, it is also right to expect better results in the year to come.

The experience of the past must count largely in the success of the future. February 17th the School Board suffered serious loss in the death of John W. Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell had held the office of committeeman since 1907 and by his earnest interest, able advice and progressive ideas made a most valuable member of the Board.

The schools have indeed lost a friend, the town a good citizen, the School Board, Superintendent and Teachers, a willing co-worker.

For detailed account of the school work we refer to the reports of Superintendent and Supervisors.

After a careful consideration of the year's needs we recommend the following amounts for school work.

Teachers' Wages, Care and Fuel	\$5,600 00	
Books and Supplies		500 00
Incidentals		500 00
Superintendent		540 00
School Physician		50 00

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER WARREN,
RUFUS KING,

School Committee of Plainville.

MONEY AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Teachers Wages Care and Fuel	\$5,600 00	
Incidentals	500 00	
Books and Supplies	500 00	
Superintendent	540 00	
State School Fund	2,311 92	
Dog Tax	328 33	
Interest on Town School Fund	29 09	
State for High School	500 00	
State for Teachers Wages	150 00	
School Physician	50 00	
		————— \$10,509 34

TEACHERS' WAGES, CARE AND FUEL

Appropriated	\$5,600 00	
Teachers Wages from State	150 00	
High School Support from State	500 00	
Dog Tax	328 33	
Interest on Town School Fund	29 09	
From Town for Coal Used	24 00	
Transferred from State Fund	818 54	
		————— \$7,449 96

EXPENDED

Teachers' Wages	\$5,069 60	
Care	624 00	
Fuel	540 36	
Transportation	1,216 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,449 96

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Appropriated	\$500 00	
Credit	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$501 50
Expended		417 10
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Unexpended Balance		\$84 40

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriated	\$500 00	
Credit	6 53	
	<hr/>	\$506 53
Expended		452 01
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Unexpended Balance		\$54 52

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Appropriated	\$540 00
Expended	540 00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Appropriated	\$50 00
Expended	25 00
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Unexpended Balance	\$25 00

STATE FUND

On Hand	\$ 960 71	
Received from State	1,351 21	
	<hr/>	\$2,311 92
Transferred to School Account		818 54
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Balance in State Fund		\$1,493 38

INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT

H. E. Thompson	\$19 17
N. J. Magnan Co.	4 25
J. A. Sharpe	9 87
Geo. M. Bemis	12 79
H. F. Chase	3 89
Wright Sargent	5 75
Henry Guild	20 81
Providence Telephone Co.	15
W. M. Hall	45 04
Maurice Evans	14 55
Silas Schofield	2 00
E. C. Barney	27 71
A. L. Keyes	1 50
George W. Greene	15 74
W. H. Nash	6 60
F. W. Kling & Co.	25 00
John F. Sullivan	134 40
C. L. Chase & Son	16 50
Geo. Cotton	2 77
T. H. Shepardson	1 00
Rosenberg Bros.	45
L. E. Knott Co.	12 80
Mrs. A. L. Keyes	7 50
A. R. Block	2 62
Charles F. Joy	10 00
Smith Premier Typewriter Co.	3 24

William R. Ward	10 00
Stella Barden	1 00
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	\$417 10

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Allyn & Bacon	\$5 00
Kenny Bros. & Wolkins	4 50
Ginn & Co.	35 52
L. E. Knott App. Co.	26 99
Edward E. Babb Co.	228 41
White Smith Pub. Co.	10 87
J. Fischer & Bro.	6 27
N. J. Magnan	11 65
Milton Bradley	35 55
Oliver Ditson Co.	1 69
Smith Premier Typewriter Co.	30
J. S. Hammett Co.	18 86
Remington Typewriter Co.	4 30
Thorp & Martin Co.	1 60
American Book Co.	16 44
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	5 97
Orville Brewer Co.	1 20
Mayhew Publishing Co.	1 00
Silver Burdett Co.	2 14
Mabel Brigham	5 40
Voltamp Electric Co.	10 32
A. R. Block	1 55
Schoenhof Book Co.	9 44
Benj. Sanborn Co.	3 54
McKinley Pub. Co.	59
Catherine Johnson Co.	2 00
Anna Lennon	91
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	\$452 01

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee of Plainville:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor of presenting to you my fifth annual report.

To be progressive, and yet conservative; to be mindful of details, and yet free from pettiness; to allow teachers sufficient freedom for originality of ideas and action, and yet to make the work of each contribute a definite step in the general plan of mental training and character building have been my aims.

The membership of our high school has increased 50% over last year. The present registration is forty-five. Not one pupil has dropped since September—a remarkable record. Since there are only five in the graduating class, the enrollment next fall should be at least fifty.

The following figures may be of interest for comparison:

	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
Total Members	30	33	36	35	30	45

A few weeks ago a petition, signed by most of the pupils, requesting the adoption of the one session plan, was submitted to the School Committee and superintendent. It was decided that a circular letter should be written to the parents concerned in order to ascertain their opinion of the contemplated change. The majority seemed strongly in favor. Only three adverse replies were received. Consequently, it

was at once arranged to begin the session at 8 a. m., closing at 1 p. m. Personally, I feel that the morning hours are best for intensive mental effort. Furthermore, pupils now have an opportunity to meet teachers during the afternoon for assistance and personal conferences. I have been pleased to observe that many voluntarily return—an indication of serious purpose and increasing interest. While it is true that there are still several pupils who are failing to respond to the good influences placed about them, whom studies do not interest, and who even seem to lack those moral qualities, which are of the utmost importance (a condition for which the home and the community must share in the responsibility), I am optimistic in regard to the school. The teachers are doing their utmost to overcome the spirit of indifference to which the Principal calls the attention of parents in his report. Concerted action is needed to bring about the results which we so much desire.

Several cases of scarlet fever among the children in the grades helped to lower our average attendance (181.3) and percentage of attendance (90.5). Medical inspection and the abolition of common drinking cups should cause epidemics to become less and less frequent. Keith Bubbling Fountains have been installed in both buildings and have given excellent satisfaction.

During recess periods the play grounds of our primary children are in charge of a teacher whose business it is to prevent quarreling and objectionable language, and to suggest or direct games. If she actually takes part (as she usually does) it seems to add greatly to the interest and pleasure of the pupils. When left to themselves, the more timid, sensitive ones either stand about near the doors or ask permission to remain in the school-room—thus getting little exercise or physical relaxation. Those who have studied or thought about the subject recognize the great educational possibilities in directed play. It not only promotes

health, but may be made to develop desirable mental and moral qualities.

Individual instruction has become strongly established here—the idea met with general approval from the start. Our patrons are progressive. They realize that in every town or city there are children who need special attention, if they are to get the maximum benefit from their school life, and become efficient citizens. (In a previous report I tried to show why regular teachers could not give the requisite time to this work.) Besides immature children, there are those suffering from some physical weakness or ailment, and hence called dull, listless or inattentive. Then there are the bright pupils who have dropped behind on account of absence caused by illness; those who come from other towns and are not up to grade in some subjects; children with a good verbal memory but lacking in ability to apply knowledge; those good in most branches, but backward in one. Pupils in every one of the above classes have received help during the year. How could a like sum of money be spent to better advantage than by giving such children a chance? I only wish we could do more for them. In some cases the results accomplished have been immediate and apparent; in others progress has been slow, but real, nevertheless.

The proceeds of our entertainment and money contributed by the girls of the high school have enabled us to extend our courses along industrial lines. We now have a good equipment for wood working and domestic science.

Believing that work with the hands which has utilitarian and financial value is worth more from the educational standpoint and is also more interesting, we have had boys from both grammar rooms spend one hour each week refining desks. The process involves the use of planes, spoke-shaves, steel scrapers, sand paper, shellac and varnish. So far as possible we have tried to cultivate during this period the spirit of the ideal work-shop. There is something definite to be done. There must be feeling of mutual responsibility for

results. There must be co-operative effort, division of labor, intelligent, pains-taking use of common tools, and, above all else, honest hard work and absolute obedience to the word of direction. There must be no shirking, or waste of material. The motor centers of the brain are stimulated; the muscles are given healthful exercise; hand and eye are trained to act in harmony; and the boy and his companions can see for themselves whether the finished product is a success or a failure.

A few of the high school boys are going on with the davenport which they began last year. We hope to have this finished in time for our annual exhibit in the spring.

It is neither safe nor wise to leave to incidental information the important problems connected with the home and home administration. Every girl should not only study them as a science but practice them as an art. The health, happiness and financial condition of her family will, in the years to come, to a large extent depend upon her intelligence, good judgment and skill in these matters. If it is essential that the would-be-farmer study chemistry of soils, rotation of crops, fruit tree culture, the care and feeding of domestic animals, is it not equally essential for the future wife and mother to acquaint herself with the chemistry, classification, and relative cost of foods? Home decoration, and furnishing, ventilation, sanitation and care of linen are, to my mind, as legitimate subjects for instruction in our schools as literature, art and music. More than this, I believe that this work should be made intensive, should be provided for upon the regular program and should count toward an academic diploma. In spite of the fact that it was given outside of school hours, nearly all the girls in the high school elected the course. It was found necessary to divide them into three sections—each having one lesson per week. Note books have been kept, much practical cooking has been done and a good start has been made.

Sewing has been a required subject in the grades for two years. An attempt has recently been made to put it upon a more systematic basis. In the third and fourth grades the girls are taught the common stitches, using burlap canvas, worsted and crewel needles. In the fifth and sixth, the same stitches are taken up, using stamped pieces of cotton cloth and colored thread. Mending, darning and patching are added. In the seventh and eighth fancy and embroidery stitches, button-hole making, etc. are given. We hope soon to have our girls able to draft patterns, and to make simple garments for themselves. All through the course, practical articles are made by way of application and to increase the interest.

The class in basketry has completed, under Miss Dickson's direction, napkin-rings, twine bags, melon baskets, work bags and fern baskets.

Our annual speaking contest was held as usual. The prizes were awarded as follows:

High School—Miss Nellie Cheever
Grades 8, 9—Miss Ida Corbin
Grades 6, 7—Miss Annie Benker

Once more I wish to express my appreciation of the generosity of Mr. William Maintien, who, though no longer a resident of the town, manifests his interest in our schools by continuing to offer these prizes.

As Mr. Ward states in his report, our children do not do enough reading of good literature outside of school. Their vocabulary is meager. Their outlook is narrow. They ought to be more familiar with the works of the best authors before reaching the high school. Too much fiction (of the modern kind) not only perverts the taste, but is positively detrimental to character. Is it not essential that parents should protect their children from the influence of harmful books as carefully as they would from that of evil companions. The best way to do this is, of course, to substitute

the good and the wholesome. In school their reading material is selected with great care, and one poem is assigned to every grade to be memorized each month. It will require the best efforts of which the church, the school, the home and the community are capable to improve their tastes and to build up higher ideals among our children.

As reading is needed for impression, so is composition needed for expression. Originally of thought, logical presentation of ideas and choice diction are not easily attained. Careful study of the best models and much practice are required. Without reducing the number of original papers, we have been using more of the material furnished by lessons in geography and history. This serves the double purpose of providing a great abundance of interesting subject-matter and helps pupils to get a more clear-cut conception of important topics in those branches.

I believe I am safe in saying that on the whole our teaching staff has never been stronger during my term of service than it is at present. Moreover, all have agreed to remain with us during the year. They are working together harmoniously, and have the best interests of every child at heart. "In loco parentis" is a phrase of which they understand both the meaning and the spirit. They have spared neither time nor energy in the discharge of their duties, and have undertaken pleasantly and willingly anything asked of them. It has been a great pleasure to work with such a corps.

Before closing this report I wish to add a word of tribute to the memory of the man, whose recent death was keenly felt as a personal loss by all connected with the schools. Mr. John Blackwell was a man whose character commanded respect and admiration; who always stood firmly for what he believed to be right and who was ever fair-minded and just. In my relations with him as a member of the School Committee, I found him a loyal adviser, and co-worker, whose ideas on educational matters were sound and

helpful. The influence of such a life lives on, and continues to inspire and uplift.

To you and to your teachers, I attribute a large share in whatever measure of success may have been vouchsafed to us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. BEMIS.

MR. GEORGE M. BEMIS, *Superintendent of Schools:*

Report of Principal of High School

DEAR SIR:—

In this report I shall set before you three things. The first is certain facts which are gratifying to me in the work of the school since last September. The second is the policy of school administration which I have pursued for a year and a half. And the third is the needs of the school as seen from the teachers' viewpoint.

I wish also to thank you for your help and friendly counsel.

The beginning of this year finds us with an enrollment of forty-five pupils, as compared with twenty-seven, one year ago. All but five of the desks in our assembly room are occupied. And our largest classes, Freshman, English and Elementary Algebra, each have twenty-seven members.

Since last September we have not lost a single pupil from the High School, but absences and tardinesses, as well as dismissals, have been far too numerous.

Another source of gratification to me is the interest which my associate teachers take in their work and the efficiency with which that work is performed.

In the administration of the school these points are considered as very important and are emphasized accordingly:

1st. This High School costs the town of Plainville something like \$3,000 a year, and the taxpayers have a right to look for interest on this investment.

2d. Its privileges are intended for those who will make use of them. Therefore a pupil who will not submit himself or herself to reasonable discipline, or who will not do the tasks assigned, has no place in the school. Accordingly the best interests of the school and of the town demand that such a pupil be dismissed.

3d. That to make continuance in the school impossible for the loafer and the shirk will raise the school in the estimation of both pupils and townspeople and will give more weight to the diploma which the school awards.

A great difficulty heretofore, in the management of the school, has been the small amount of authority, in matters of discipline, possessed by the principal and teachers. But with the increased enrollment our committee has seen fit to clothe us with some added administrative power and much good has come of it. Nor has the increased authority, given us this year, resulted in the loss to the school of a single pupil.

A great need of the school is that of more interest on the part of the parents in school matters. Interest in the monthly report cards, and in the course of study their child pursues; interest in the doings of the school and in the methods of instruction which we are using; interest in whether their child is up in his work or behind in it; interest in the school's social life and in the trip to Washington. The pupil spends five or more hours per day in the school, and the conditions under which he or she is during that time are worth looking into. The patrons of the school little realize how much it means for us to get their point of view first hand.

Even a hostile criticism often helps in correcting mistakes and adjusting misunderstandings. Therefore whatever be the parent's view on any school matter, we assure that parent a hearty welcome and courteous treatment. The patrons of the school are our employers and we cannot serve them acceptably unless their wishes are made known to us.

These things, among others, we also desire for the school:

1st. More work from each pupil on each day's lesson.

2d. More ability to think when the pupil enters the freshman class, and far more training in that exercise during the High School course.

3d. The cultivation in all pupils of a habit of reading good books, good magazines, and good newspapers. To develop this habit one or two good daily papers and two or three good magazines, kept on file in the school room, would be of great value.

4th. A few books of permanent value to add to our reference library. In particular these: A set of up-to-date encyclopaedias, preferably the New International, an atlas, a few works of reference in each of the following subjects: U. S. History, Civil Government, Physics and Chemistry. One hundred and twenty-five dollars would provide these books.

5th. Last, and most of all, we want our most capable pupils to feel that it is worth while to put all their might into the school work. If one-half, or even one-third, of the pupils in the Plainville High School were really working for all they are worth, the standard of work in all classes would advance two hundred per cent. To induce them to really work is "THE PROBLEM" of this High School. It is not a new one and that it is serious no one can deny.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM RALPH WARD,
Principal of the High School.

Report of Supervisor of Drawing

Mr. George M. Bemis, Superintendent of Schools, Plainville:

My Dear Mr. Bemis:—In the drawing exhibition of last June the regular work for the entire year for all the grades and the High School was shown.

What was most pleasing to me about the work was that it showed continued improvement in conception and execution, each year, though the subject matter grew much more complex. This was due to the co-operation of the regular teachers and to the children, who have been so well trained in habits of attention and application, and this applies equally in the High School, where the drawing, though optional, is chosen by three-fourths of the school and where the same splendid spirit is shown.

A good deal of time was spent on the study of color and its harmonies and design, the entire year being given to the subject. In the free hand class in the High School, with the special industry of the town, these are the most vital aspects of drawing. An interesting experiment in vocational training in connection with a High School is being tried in Providence. Five of the trades have agreed on an apprentice system, by which the boy divides his time equally between the school, Technical High, and the shop, alternating the weeks in each.

He attends school the regular school hours and in the shop works the regular shop hours, for which he gets a small payment. In this way many boys would be able to keep in school and learn a trade, at the same time, and in this way the drawing could be made of great practical value, and the theory learned in school could be applied in the shop. There is hardly time for more than theory in school, with only an hour and a quarter a week given to the subject, but the power to appreciate and the standard of taste which the study of drawing forms are most important to everyone. I feel that the year was the most profitable we have ever had.

Yours very sincerely,

MABEL BRIGHAM.

North Attleboro, Mass.

Plainville, Mass., February 18, 1911.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. George Bemis:

Dear Sir:—The work in music for the past year has, in many respects, been the most satisfactory of any of the preceding years.

There are more children in school who can sing accurately in time and tune than ever before.

The good results of the "new key a day" method continued with the systematic teaching of time problems through the sense of system are more and more apparent in the upper grades.

The hard rhythmic problems in six-eight time are so gradually and unconsciously developed that the pupils of the sixth grade master these problems with greater ease than the pupils of the eighth were able to do a few years ago.

The work is systematically and carefully graded, beginning with the rote song in the first grade, and developed into the full chorus work of the High School.

Written tests have been given the upper grades with very gratifying results.

The work in the High School has been particularly pleasant this year. The parts are well balanced and the voices are very good.

The school is preparing a short cantata, "The Village

Blacksmith," which with other numbers we are intending to present to the public some time in March.

My sincere appreciation is extended to all the teachers who have so willingly co-operated with me in the work, for as we all know, without this co-operation the music cannot advance, and not only that, but the pleasure which the child should derive from each lesson is taken from him when he realizes he cannot get from his singing lesson that which is expected of him from the supervisor. Then the work is no longer a pleasure but a real hardship.

Thanking you and the school committee for cordial support given me, I am

Very truly yours,

MARTHA C. TISDALE,

Supervisor of Music.

Truant Officer's Report

Number of Cases Reported and Investigated 10

E. WRIGHT SARGENT,

Truant Officer.

Graduating Exercises Plainville High School

CLASS OF 1910

Motto—Vincit qui se vincit. Class Colors—Blue and Gold.

PROGRAMME.

March.

Alice May Burton, Pianist.

Song—Largo,

School.

Handel

Prayer.

Rev. George H. Rogers.

The Class History.

John T. Tierney.

Should Manual Training be Taught in the High School?

Marion W. Blackwell.

Song—Love's Old Sweet Song,
School.

Molloy

Alfred Tennyson, the Poet.

Margaret E. Blackwell.

The Value of a High School Education.

Howard B. Marble.

Song—Charms of Nature,

School.

Meyer-Helmund

Electricity.

Walter H. Chase.

Girls' Trio—Morn Rise,

Czibulka

The Class Prophecy.

Sadie M. Fuller.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Superintendent George M. Bemis.

Song—Carmena,

School.

Wilson

Benediction.

ROLL OF HONOR

(The figure at the right of the name indicates the number of terms during which the pupil has been neither absent nor tardy.)

HIGH SCHOOL.

Clarice Bartlett, 2,	Wesley Burton,
Louise King, 2,	Edward McQuade,
Frank Ware,	Gertrude Evans, 3,
Howard Bigelow,	Nellie Cheever,
Louis Reynoldson,	Arthur Evans.

GRADES 8, 9.

Percy Rogers,	Lillian Hancock,
Thomas Virgin,	Loretta Holden, 2
Alice Mullaney,	Winthrop Morgan,
Edith Reynoldson, 2,	Lillian Bigelow,
Carrie Ware,	Ida Corbin,
Frank Holden, 2,	Ruth King.

GRADES 6, 7.

Florence Brown, 3,	Clara Rudolph,
Marion Brown, 3,	Ruth Hinton,
Marion Barney, 2,	Owen Brunner,
Isabella Bartlett,	Willie Benker,
George Fisler, 2,	Alma James,
	Earnest Munroe.

GRADES 4, 5.

Margaret Englebert, 2,	Helen Nash, 2,
Margaret McQuade,	William Owen, 2,
Leah Powers, 3,	Frank Bigelow,
Frank Stolworthy, 2,	Roy Corbin,
Howard Ware,	Reginald Prew,
Albertus Greene, 2,	Howard Stolworthy, 2,
Evangeline Wolf.	

GRADES 2, 3.

Florence Noonan,	Herman Fielding,
Charles Nash, 2,	Ralph French,
Harvey Hinton, 3,	Margaret Owen,
William Hancock, 2.	

GRADE 1.

Mary Miner, 3,	Anna Sargent.
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DIRECTORY

School	Teacher	First Elected	Where Educated	Local Address	Home Address
High	Wm. R. Ward, A. B., Prin.	1909	Baker University	Plainville	Plainville
High	Eudora Ripley, A. B.	1910	Radcliffe	"	Auburndale Mass.
High	Dora Thayer, A. B	1910	{ Tufts College Simmons College	"	71 W. Pine St., Medford, Mass.
Grades 7-8	Anna Ware	1886	Plainville High	"	110 Spring St.
Grades 5-6	Lillian Patterson	1909	Lowell Normal	"	Plainville
Grades 3-4	Ethel Phillips	1910	Framingham Normal	"	Burlington, Mass,
Grades 2-3b	Alice T. Lee	1910	Scituate High	"	Huntington, Mass.
Grade 1	Marion H. Jewett	1910	Miss Simond's Kindergarten Norm'l	"	North Scituate, Mass.
Ind. & In-	Jennie Dickson	1910	{ Salem Normal Cambridge Train.	"	Lexington, Mass.
dust. Work	Prin. of Primary Building		{ Hyannis Normal N. E. Conservatory		
Music	Mrs. Martha Tisdale		Normal Art	N. Attle'o	North Attleboro
Drawing	Mabel Brigham			"	North Attleboro

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SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1910.

School.	Total Mem.	Av. Mem.	Av. Att.	P. C. of Att.
High,	30	28.2	26.3	93.27
Grades 7, 8,	33	29.2	29.2	93.93
Grades 5, 6,	38	34.71	31.72	91.38
Grades 3, 4,	38	37.86	34.74	91.74
Grades 2, 3,	44	45.83	38.97	85.05
Grade 1,	36	24.55	20.39	83.05

(Ten pupils were transferred from Room I to Room II in
October.)

Total membership for the year,	219
Grand total membership (including pupils previously enrolled elsewhere in Massachusetts),	231
Average membership for year,	200.35
Average attendance for year,	181.31
Percentage of attendance for year	90.5

SCHOOL CENSUS, 1910.

Number of boys between ages of five and fifteen,	99
Number of girls between ages of five and fifteen,	104
Total,	203
Number of boys between ages of seven and fourteen,	73
Number of girls between ages of seven and fourteen,	84
Total,	157

STATISTICS FOR STATE REPORT, YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1910.

Number of public schools, 6.

Number attending within school year under five years of
age, 0.

Number attending within school year over fifteen years of age, 25.

Number attending within school year between seven and fourteen years of age, 143.

Total membership for year, 219.

Average membership of all public schools, 200.35.

Average attendance of all public schools during year, 181.31.

Percentage of attendance based upon average membership, 90.5.

Number of teachers (on full time) required by public schools, men, 1; women, 8.

Number of teachers who have graduated from college, in High School, 3; in elementary schools, 0.

Number of teachers who have graduated from Normal Schools, 3.

Aggregate number of months all public schools have been kept during year, 55 months, 19 days.

Average number of months the public day schools have been kept during the year, 9 months, 6½ days.

Number of teachers on full time in High School, 3.

Number of special teachers on part time, 2.

Number of different pupils attending High School during year, 30.

Number graduated from High School at end of year 6; from grammar school, 30.

Number admitted to High School during year, 12.

Number of months and days the High School has been kept during the year, 9 months, 13½ days.

EYE AND EAR TESTS.

Number tested, 217; defective in sight, 15; in hearing, 4; parents notified, 12.

STATISTICS SHOWING PRESENT CONDITIONS.

	High	Grades 8 - 9	Grades 6 - 7	Grades 4 - 5	Grades 2 - 3	Grade 1	Total
Seating capacity,	50	48	46	48	50	30	272
Number registered since September,	45	32	28	42	36	30	213
Number registered at present,	45	30	28	37	33	29	202
Number of grades,	4	2	2	2	2	1	13
Number in Grade 1,						29	29
Number in Grade 2,					20		20
Number in Grade 3,				9	13		22
Number in Grade 4,				28			28
Number in Grade 5,			15				15
Number in Grade 6,			13				13
Number in Grade 7,		16					16
Number in Grade 8,		14					14
High School.							
Grade 9,	27						27
Grade 10,	9						9
Grade 11,	4						4
Grade 12,	5						5
Total,							202

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1911.

Winter term of all schools begins January 2, 1911.

Winter term of all schools closes March 24.

Spring term of all schools begins April 3.

Spring term of all common schools closes June 9. (Ten weeks).

Spring term of High School closes June 23. (Twelve weeks).

Fall term of all schools begins September 5.

Fall term of all schools closes December 22. (Sixteen weeks).

High School graduation, June 21.

HOLIDAYS.

February 22, April 19, September 4, October 12, Thanksgiving Day and day following.

PAY DAYS.

January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 9, June 23, September 29, October 27, November 24, December 22.

STORM SIGNALS.

Three double blasts, 2-2-2, of the whistle at Schofield, Melcher & Schofield's factory at 7:15 A. M. signifies no morning session. The same signal at 12:05 signifies no afternoon session.

Two double blasts, 2-2, of the whistle at 7:15 signifies no morning session, with the exception of the High School. The same signal at 12:05 signifies no afternoon session.

